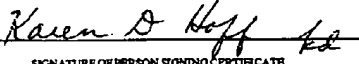


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RESPONSE A

Responsive to the Official Actions dated March 15, 2005 and April 22, 2005,  
please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as detailed  
hereinafter and reconsider the claims in view of the arguments presented hereinafter.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
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